This Month in SMC History

13 September 1985

Flight Test of Air-Launched ASAT 13 September 1985

The Air-Launched ASAT successfully carried out its only flight test against an orbiting satellite, P78-1 (Solwind), which it destroyed by impact at an altitude of 345 miles. Other tests were directed at stars. The Air Force canceled the program in 1988 because of Congressional restrictions and cost